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The Hancock County Library System entertained hundreds both Tuesday at the Kiln Community Tree Lighting, above, and Sunday at the Bay St. Louis branch's annual Library Tree Gala, below.



Waveland X-mas parade Saturday

The annual Waveland Civic Assoc.-sponsored Christmas parade is set for Saturday, Dec. 8, according to Jay Fountain, association president. The parade will line up at 4 p.m. on Central Avenue near the Waveland Avenue Ball Field and will begin to roll at 5 p.m. The parade route is Central Ave. to Lafitte Drive, Lafitte to Beach Blvd., Beach to Coleman Ave., Coleman to Central where it will disband. Anyone wishing to participate in the parade as a group or with a float may contact Jay Fountain at 467-2108 for further information. The City of Waveland will also provide Trolley rides from Coleman Avenue to Christmas Card and Christmas Door Lanes.

St. Augustine garage sale set

St. Augustine Seminary will host a garage sale this Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. Items include furniture, beds, etc. For more information, contact Fr. Bob Kelly at 467-6414 or 467-3815.

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Is another war brewing on Hancock's beachfront?

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Should Hancock County supervisors brace themselves for another "Battle of the Beach?"

That was the question on the minds of at least two supervisors after a flyer began circulating downtown. Some were given to residents living along Beach Boulevard. Others were placed on windshields of vehicles parked in the downtown shopping area.

The flyer addressed to

"Beachfront Residents" warns: "There are some politicians who want to take some of your property. We must prevent that."

The circular informed residents it was the organizers' intention to form a new organization known as the Bay-Waveland Beachfront Association. It added: "That organization, together with some remaining members of the Bay-Waveland Beachfront Improvement Association, are

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Teen's father also shot to death

Man convicted in that
crime made America's
Most Wanted TV show

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

13-year-old Levon Alonzo Nelson is scheduled to be laid to rest this morning following his tragic shooting death outside his Sycamore St. Bay St. Louis home Friday evening.

Police allege the teen-ager was murdered by 15-year-old Frankee Len Boudreaux, a fellow student at the Bay-Waveland Alternative School. Both Boudreaux and a third alternative school student, who has not yet been identified, were arrested Friday night in connection with the



Boudreaux

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Chancery judge changes job status amid investigations

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A coast chancery court judge is expected to end his full-time responsibilities on the bench in the midst of a state investigation involving judicial travel expenses.

Harrison County Senior Chancellor J.N. Randall will hear only cases assigned to him by the state Supreme Court beginning Jan. 1,

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Night-time fire destroys bayou home

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Volunteers from East Hancock Fire Department were unable to save a house burning at Joe's Bayou Sunday, but kept the flames from endangering another house next door.

County Fire Marshall Richard Pate said the fire at 1780-A Koerner, off Blue Meadow Road, was reported

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A Joe's Bayou home owned by Clyde Koerner, Sr. was destroyed by fire Sunday night. Volunteers from the East Hancock Fire Department responded, but were unable to save the home.

Sea-Worthy Cause



Deborah and Terry Richter of Waveland were the winners of a Kayak in the Arthritis Foundation drawing held at Da Beach House on Sunday. Proceeds from the drawing will go to further arthritis research. Owners Colleen and Todd Reed donated the Kayak. From left to right are: Gulf Coast Branch Director Phyllis Goodyear, Todd Reed, Deborah Richter and Terry Richter.

Supers endorse \$1 surcharge on campers

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors has endorsed plans to levy a \$1 surcharge on all persons staying at campsites and RV parks in Hancock County.

The charge, proposed more than a year ago by the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau, first met resistance because it was uncertain the surcharge could be levied against those using Buccaneer State Park, one of the most visited in the state.

But on Monday, supervisors received a letter from Tourism Bureau Executive Director Beth Carriere.

In the letter, Carriere said, "I am pleased to notify you that Sen. Scottie Cuevas reported Buccaneer State Park, and McLeod Park can be included in amended legislation."

Carriere added, "This funding source will most certainly have the smallest impact on local residents' pocketbooks, as well as your budget, and will provide additional monies needed to promote the county's facilities with primarily out-of-county dollars."

The 2002 legislative session begins in less than two months, and supervisors voted to send a resolution to the local legislative delegation asking them to sponsor a local and private bill that will allow the county to levy and collect the \$1 surcharge.

Before voting, District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour said he wanted to make it perfectly clear he would oppose the surcharge if somewhere through the legislative process those using Buccaneer Park were exempted from the surcharge.

Carriere said there are about 746 campsites and RV sites in Hancock County. She said if the campsites maintain a year-round occupancy of just 50 percent, the \$1 surcharge would give the Tourism Bureau an extra \$136,145 a year.

"This surcharge will have the least effect on our own residents who use the park, and we'll see the benefits immediately," said Carriere.

She said the additional funds will be used by the Tourism Bureau to advertise RV and campsites in national publica-

tions "where we were unable to advertise before."

More campers coming into Hancock County will also result in more spending at groceries, restaurants and other businesses in the area, and the additional spending will generate more sales taxes, she said.

Supervisors handled a number of issues Monday during their December monthly meeting.

• Michael Haas Sr. reported work is 90 percent complete to add 500 more customers to the Kiln Water and Fire District, bringing to 1,350 the number of residents served by the system.

Haas said the District is also seeking funding to install a sewerage system in two construction phases.

Haas said the district has plans to build a small office building and add another person to its one-person staff.

At the District's request, Supervisors approved the reappointments of C.J. Mauffray, who has been serving as chairman and Glenn Stockstill. The new terms are for five years.

• Supervisors heard a progress report from Chris LeGarde, an aide to U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor, who is also working with the non-profit Mississippi Gulf Fishing Banks, Inc., to use concrete rubble to expand fishing reefs in the area.

The rip-rap will come from the rubble available once old bridges over Interstate 10 spanning the Jourdan River are torn down.

Taylor has already proposed using some of the concrete to create an artificial reef 24-foot wide, 780-foot long in an area of the Mississippi Sound known as

Square Handkerchief Shoal, two miles off Henderson Point.

LaGarde convinced supervisors to seek input from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the state Department of Marine Resources and other agencies on whether it would be feasible to also use some of the rip-rap to create fishing reefs on both sides of the channel coming into Bayou Caddy.

• Supervisors also authorized Circuit Court Clerk and county voter registrar Pam Metzler to go forward and get prices on what it would cost to purchase new electric scanners to count punch card ballots now used in Hancock County and city elections.

Metzler said the new machines can count as many as 1,000 votes a minute, and it would cut down on the time for getting total election results.

She said she hoped federal funds might be available for the scanners, but Rep. (Gene) Taylor told her he did not expect the money to be available any time in the near future.

• Supervisors took a brief break to greet wheelchair-bound John D. (Big John) Rutherford in the lobby of the historic County Courthouse.

There, District 5 Supervisor Jay Cuevas presented Rutherford with a proclamation commending him for his long-time service to Hancock Medical Center, dating back to 1963 when it was known as Hancock General Hospital.

Rutherford was also recognized for his 58 years of active service in the American Legion and his countless hours of volunteer service to his community.

Judge

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according to a statement.

Randall said changing his judicial status to part time will allow him to spend more time with his family while serving as special chancellor.

Randall and two other Chancery Court judges in District 8, made up of Hancock, Harrison and Stone counties, are being investigated by the state auditor and attorney general.

In October, The Sun Herald newspaper reported that investigators had inspected travel and expense records for Randall and Chancery Judges Tom Teel and Wes Teel, who are brothers.

The records reportedly showed the judges' mileage claims did not correspond with their court schedules.

With Randall's retirement, Gov. Ronnie Musgrove may have two replacements to fill on the court. Tom Teel's lawyer, Joe Sam Owen, said last week Tom Teel "probably is going to resign" from his position.

Randall was appointed to the court in December 1991 to fill a vacancy created by the death of Judge J.S. "Johnny" Morris.

Randall won the seat in a special election the following year, then was re-elected in 1994 and in 1998.

Fire

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sometime after Sunday's New Orleans Saints game, but the blaze was well underway when volunteer firemen arrived.

One eyewitness who wanted to remain anonymous said firemen pumped water from the bayou to help extinguish the blaze. "It was pitiful," she said. "Sometimes they were just blowing out mud."

The house, which was in stilts, lies in the unincorporated areas of Hancock County and there are no fire plugs in that section known as Jourdan River Isles.

The home is owned by Clyde Koerner, and friends said Koerner's daughter and son lived there, but escaped injury.

Pate said volunteer firemen managed to keep the flames

from jumping to a house next door. "They did a good job," said Pate.

The living quarters of the raised house were completely destroyed, Pate said.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Chicken Dinner at St. Rock UMC

St. Rock United Methodist Church will host a fried chicken and fish dinner this Saturday, Dec. 8, beginning at 11 a.m. For more information, call 466-9185.

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The public is invited. For more information, call Ed Young at 466-4848.

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Zoning issues plague supervisors

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Controversial zoning matters continue to plague the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

Fresh from a boisterous public hearing over a proposal to ban trailers in certain parts of the county, supervisors learned Monday the county Planning Commission's attorney John Scafide did not advertise another text change regarding mobile homes when it advertised a public hearing, which about 60 people attended on Nov. 28.

Willie Gavney, the county's chief building inspector and zoning enforcement officer, told supervisors the planning commission hearing should have also taken comments on a proposal to ban mobile home parks in areas of the county zoned "R-2A-Medium Density Residential" areas. Under the present law, they are allowed as a conditional use in those areas of the county, which requires a public hearing, commission approval and concurrence by the board of supervisors.

The proposed amendment would also allow trailer parks by right (without a hearing) in areas zoned "C-2-Highway Commercial," but require a public hearing if they want to locate in areas zoned "R-3-Multi-Family Residential" or "C-1-Neighborhood Commercial."

Gavney said he was already getting requests for more trailer parks in the areas, and in order to stop a potential flood of new applications, supervisors slapped a 90-day moratorium

on accepting additional requests.

The board ordered the planning commission to schedule another public hearing, which involves hiring a court reporter at about \$50 an hour, who later also charges for a typed transcript should the issue be appealed to circuit court.

The hearing on Nov. 28 was actually the second time the planning commission solicited public comment on plans to ban manufactured homes altogether in areas zoned "R-2-Medium Density Residential" areas. The ban would apply to Bayside Park, Shoreline Park, Clermont Harbor, Heron Bay and a few other pocket areas of Hancock County.

About 120 residents turned out at the initial public hearing in September, with most supporting the ban, and the planning commission unanimously adopted the text change, and sent their recommendations on to the board of supervisors, which also approved it.

However, at a subsequent meeting, supervisors were advised by board attorney Gerald Gex to rescind their vote and send the matter back to the planning commission, instructing that board to schedule another public hearing on the trailer ban. Gex said he based his decision on the fact the initial hearing was flawed. He said there was only a tape recording made of the proceedings, and there was no official court reporter at the meeting, so an official transcript could not be made available to circuit court in the event an appeal is filed by one of the aggrieved parties.

At Monday's meeting, supervisors also argued over whether to penalize Tyrone Gill, who is developing an air park community near the White Cypress Community in the far north portion of Hancock County.

The 82-lot Mint Julep subdivision was proposed almost two years ago and Gill was publicly scolded by board President Rocky Pullman last July when the board learned he had sold three adjacent lots, where the purchaser built a home and an airplane hangar without obtaining a permit.

Ronnie Artigues, the attorney hired to represent the board, later obtained a court injunction ordering Gill not to sell any more lots in the proposed subdivision until he gained preliminary site approval of his plans.

Gavney said the subdivision's request for preliminary and final approval was scheduled to come up this Thursday (today) before the planning commission. He said Gill's partner, Don O'Neal, has agreed to stipulations set out by the board that a house must be built on the lots before any aircraft hangar can be constructed. Developers have also agreed to repair any damage to county roads caused when the lots were being cleared, he said.

Pullman asked whether Gill would be fined for the past violation of the county's zoning ordinance, and Gavney said the commission's attorney, Scafide,

had not recommended a fine.

"That doesn't set a good example for the rest of the people," said Pullman. He estimated the county probably spent in excess of \$200 sending Gavney to investigate the situation, and issuing the "cease and desist" order to prohibit any further development of the airpark.

Under the ordinance, the county could assess a penalty of \$100 a day for each day a developer is in violation.

District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward recommended assessing a \$1,000 fine against the developer for the past violation, and the vote to levy the fine was unanimous.

In another zoning issue, Coward voted against recommendations by the Planning Commission to extend for another year a "Special Use District" designation for that area south of Diamondhead where the Casino World project is proposed. The casino has all the permits necessary to build, but in the last five years developers have been taken to various courts by environmentalists and citizens groups which oppose locating a casino in the north Bay of St. Louis. Developers are now awaiting a court-ordered Environmental Impact Statement being prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Coward wondered out loud, "Is this extension going to go on in perpetuity?"

Four other supervisors voted to grant the extension for another year.

Ruling issued on manufactured housing ban

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A federal court ruling handed down in Pennsylvania does not bode well for those who want to ban trailers in some areas of Hancock County.

The Hancock County Planning Commission recently held a second public hearing on plans to ban mobile homes altogether in areas of the county zoned "R-2-Multi-Family Residential." Larger settlements where the ban would be in effect include Shoreline Park, Bayside Park, Clermont Harbor, and Heron Bay.

However, those with mobile homes already in those areas would be allowed to stay and would be allowed to upgrade or bring in larger and more modern trailers should there be a fire or a natural disaster.

The ban is facing stiff opposi-

tion in Hancock County from the Manufactured Housing Association and by those who say they can't afford traditional housing, and should be allowed to settle on lots they have already purchased in the affected areas.

A decision was handed down Oct. 4 on a similar situation involving a trailer in the Hopewell Township of Pennsylvania.

Denise Lauderbaugh sued the Township Commissioners and its manager after she was denied a request to place a trailer in an area zoned R-2. The lawsuit took several years to wind its way through the court system, ending up in the Federal District Court in the Western District of Pennsylvania.

On Oct. 4, U.S. District Court Judge Gustave Diamond grant-

ed, in part, the plaintiff's motion of judgment. Diamond found Hopewell's enforcement of the zoning ordinance which excluded manufactured homes built according to HUD codes was a violation of the expressed preemption provision of the recently-amended National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act.

Diamond's ruling prohibits the defendants from enforcing the ordinance to keep "HUD code home in the R-2 zoning district and from enforcing the ordinance in the future."

Issues involving due process and equal protection constitutional claims raised by the township can still go to trial, the judge said.

However, he warned: "If the township's official policy of

excluding HUD code homes from the R-2 zoning district violated the constitutional rights of the plaintiff, not only the Township but each of its Commissioners, as well as the Township Manager, may be held individually liable under the Civil Rights Act of 1871."

City/county lawsuit claims still unresolved

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The attorney representing a Bay St. Louis resident who filed a lawsuit against the city and Hancock County over operation of a vehicle repair shop next to the jail said he may still seek a hearing in Chancery Court.

Dean Wilson of Biloxi, who represents plaintiff Jeff Nancarvis, who lives next door to the repair shop operated for years by the Hancock County

Sheriff's Department, said the suit has been on hold last August, but the city was not willing to hold any kind of public hearing on the charges since a lawsuit was pending.

Wilson said he was "pleasantly surprised" to hear the shop has been shut down, and that Sheriff Steve Garber is looking into setting up operations at an alternate site on Washington Street. However, Wilson said, there are still some issues to be

resolved and unless attorneys representing the city and the county offer some kind of compromise, he will file papers asking the court to reopen the suit.

Nancarvis claims noise and fumes from the repair shop have sometimes forced him out of his house. Wilson said Nancarvis also might seek monetary damages for his client's medical bills, emotional distress and harassment and for attorney fees.

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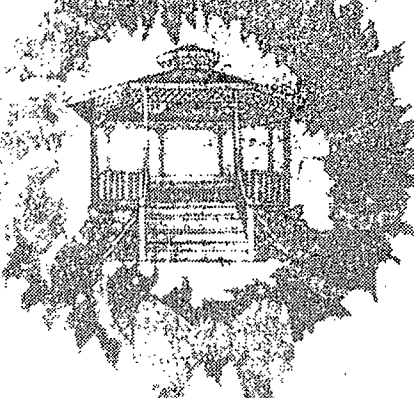
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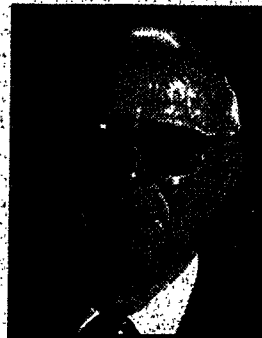
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OPINION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2001

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Congratulations are in order for Bob Hubbard, who received the Hancock County Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds Award.

Bob, whom I have known most of my life, as I lived in his family's neighborhood and even worked for his father's lumber and hardware company for four years, is well deserving of the award.

Bob has over the years been very much involved in volunteering his time for so many projects helping others in need. Bob still resides in his old Waveland neighborhood and continues to be involved in many community projects.

Congratulations again, Bob. I am glad the Exchange Club has honored you for your dedication to your fellowman.

The Waveland Civic Association-sponsored Christmas parade is set for 5 p.m. Saturday, December 8.

Each year this event gets larger and larger with more and more participation as the number of merchants is on the increase on Coleman Avenue.

Jay Fountain, president of the Waveland Civic Association reports there will be association floats in addition to others in the parade which begins to form at 4 p.m. by the ball park on Central Avenue in Waveland.

The parade's route is down Central to Lafitte Drive, Lafitte to Beach Boulevard, Beach to Coleman Avenue, Coleman to Central to disband.

A special Civic Association float will carry Santa through the parade, and he will exit at Waveland City Hall where he will be available to receive Christmas wishes from the children.

Several choral groups will be singing Christmas Carols at Waveland City Hall.

Christmas Card and Door Lanes will all be ready for Saturday, and the City of Waveland will once again be providing a free trolley to view those scenes.

A fireworks display on Beach Boulevard near Coleman

Avenue will be a highlight of the night.

Kathy Pinn, president of the Coleman Avenue Coalition reports area merchants will have some little extra specials for parade visitors such as cookies, punch, etc.

Among the groups participating in the parade is the Hancock High Marching Band and others.

Fountain said the Civic Association's floats will be lighted for the evening parade.

I am sure there are those out there who are going to have to stretch their dollars for clothes shopping for the holidays and even for some gifts.

As a suggestion, you may want to visit the Goodwill Store in the Bay Mall, Dunbar at Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis.

Goodwill has some very good prices and some good used clothing purchases available.

Goodwill now has its clothing sized to make it more convenient for shoppers.

There are also some gift items available. You never know what you may find, as the merchandise changes frequently at Goodwill stores.

Santa has been receiving big welcomes this year in the area, but the most youngsters I have ever seen wanting to give him their Christmas wish lists was Tuesday night at the Kiln Library.

Santa arrived after the lighting of the large Christmas tree in front of the library with supervisors' Steve Seymour and Jay Cuevas' families doing the honors. Supervisor President Rocky Pullman gave a special welcome.

Hancock High's PRCC did the flag raising, and Hancock High's chorus sang Christmas carols.

Estimates of those in attendance was from 600 to 800 folks. Hancock County Library's staff, trustees, foundation and advisory members were well represented.

Hancock County Deputies and Kiln Volunteer Firefighters helped with traffic control.

It was good to see so many of my long-time friends at the Kiln event.

GOVERNOR, WILL YOU RECRUIT HYUNDAI ON YOUR TRIP TO KOREA?



IS HE A RUNNING BACK OR A QUARTERBACK?

RICKY MOBILE '01

Letters to the Editor

Don't let our safe, small town atmosphere be 'tabled'

Dear Editor:
Not too long ago, I lived in the heart of a city where you slept with an alarm system on at night (sometimes the alarm was set in the day time as well), and no matter how much you needed the exercise, you would never entertain the thought of getting up early (5:30 a.m.) to walk the beautiful setting of your neighborhood (and it was lovely).

It wasn't worth the possibility of getting robbed, mugged, or raped. Instead you would just stay, huddled up in your home until the morning rush hour, when you could, at least find yourself in front of passengers who would, surely if you needed help, lend you their cell phone so you could call 911.

If you were lucky enough to stay alive for a couple of hours before the police arrived, you might just possibly survive.

Follow citizens, do you know what it's like (or have some of you forgotten) to live in most of America? We have something so special in Bay St. Louis that we perhaps take for granted.

As I compose this letter, it is 5:30 a.m., and I'm donning my tennis shoes. I want to see each one of our gorgeous 5 a.m. sunrises.

I am not afraid to step outside of my home, go down the street and walk on the beach. If my child is ill in the middle of the night, I am not afraid to hop in my car and go to the Wal-Mart pharmacy.

I do not look over my shoulder at strangers in town, in fact I welcome them. But I am afraid of the city council allowing a person who doesn't even live here to rezone our residential area on Beach Boulevard.

Bay St. Louis and Pass

Christian are the only two cities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast who have not prostituted their beaches.

Last night many of our concerned citizens left their dinner tables and comfy arm chairs anxious to state their views concerning the commercial rezoning of the Reed Hotel.

One of our councilmen, Doug Seal, without any discussion or even a second motion (Gee, did I miss something in Democracy class?) "tabled" the decision.

In essence, flagrantly delaying an obviously heated and urgent public concern for no visibly apparent reasoning. Certainly not for the benefit of those attending. All this much to the vehement chagrin of the gathering.

The stated motive was for the city to profit, and something about the future for his children and grandchildren. But at what cost.

Mr. Seal, the luxury of living in one of the safest and most charming places in this country; a safe, protective environment for our children; that is what is important.

And for ourselves, as we look toward future retirement and living out our days in a peaceful, lovely setting.

If you love Bay St. Louis like I do, I urge every citizen to contact your councilman regarding this issue.

Because once a piece of property is zoned commercial, there's no going back. This vital issue was "tabled" until the next city council meeting, January 7. I urge you to be present at that meeting, before our small town is "tabled," too.

If you blink, it's all over.

Sherry Webster
Bay St. Louis

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.

Why have city ordinances if they are not enforced?

To the Editor:
On November 20, 2001, a public hearing was held by the City Council of Bay St. Louis to determine if the property at 127 Felicite St. should be declared a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare due to overgrowth on the property.

However, the subject of overgrowth on properties is governed by Ordinance 382, Section III, which does not contain the word menace.

The issue here should have been to determine if the property should be declared a violation of City Ordinance 382, Section III, as I have claimed.

By choosing the word menace, the city council skirted the real issue. They voted unanimously not to declare the property a menace.

The Sea Coast Echo erroneously reported that the city council voted not to declare the yard in violation of any city codes.

For months, working with Councilman Doug Seal, I have been trying to get that yard cleaned up. The rampant profusion of growth in the front yard is an "eye sore" and a nuisance which diminishes the value of my property.

The growth is an "insect factory" developed to provide food for birds. To say that the appearance of this yard is appropriate for the surrounding area is an insult to the neighborhood. We are not backwater Mississippi.

The owner has said that she is interested in returning the

property to a more natural state to attract birds and wildlife. She is doing so with impunity.

In September this year, I wrote a letter to the city council describing the ordinance violation. Later, I heard that the city council had been advised by the city attorney not to enforce the city ordinance because of anticipated litigation and bad publicity.

It appeared that litigation had been threatened. So, during the recent October meeting the council decided to "hold" a public hearing to determine if the property was a menace, not an ordinance violation.

There is a big difference! In my opinion, city officials have caved in to outside pressures and skirted the real issue, thereby compromising their responsibilities and authority.

They have also neglected my civil rights, and aided in reducing the value of my property by not taking appropriate action.

To paraphrase a remark made by Councilman Seal during the November 20 hearing: "I would not want to live next door to a yard that looks like that."

City council members should, at their next meeting, vote to determine if the owner of the property is in violation of City Ordinance 382.

In addition, if they can't enforce a violated ordinance, then do as was suggested during the October meeting - get rid of it!

Respectfully,
Robert D. Ketchum, Jr.
Bay St. Louis

Resident upset with county water and sewage policies

Dear Editor:
Is anyone else in Hancock County as fed up with the water and sewage as I am?

Number one, NOT everybody is connected that is supposed to be, and don't even receive a bill. If I recall, we were given a date that all of us who had to be

connected had done so. What a joke.

Last February 2001 my husband and I moved, meaning there is only a shed on my husband's property and that's full of my junk - no electricity even

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The dead kid and the missing girl

To the Editor:
This most recent shooting - murder of a 13-year-old boy has some people apparently asking many questions.

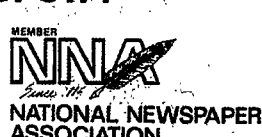
It seems that they should be asking why this hasn't happened much sooner than now and with many other of our children.

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Three former residents were at Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Tomorrow, December 7, marks the 60th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. This was the most severe blow to America's freedom until the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack.

In the December 7, 1978 issue of The Echo, I had the honor of doing a story on Bay St. Louis residents Navy Chief William (Bill) and Betty Sanders and then the December 5, 1991 issue of The Echo on Waveland resident Kenneth (Ken) McKenna, who was Chief Quarter Master on the Arizona during the Pearl Harbor attack.

Bill Sanders was an aviation machinist mate on the seaplane tender USS Curtis, and wife Betty was at home sleeping at Waikiki Beach when the Pearl Harbor attack occurred.

The USS Curtis was moored 100 yards from the runway at Ford Island, and Sanders was in the process of preflighting a OS2U, a single-engine seaplane for the captain. Then the attack occurred, and orders were for everyone to go to battle stations.

Sanders said he took a crew to return the plane to its hangar when machine gun fire from a Japanese plane destroyed the aircraft, which the crane operator lifted burning from the ship's deck and dropped overboard.

Betty Sanders was awakened by the noise and heard some speech and turned on her radio, telling the dependents to stay indoors and all military personnel to report to duty.

Bill Sanders recalled how he went to the boat deck after his ship's plane was destroyed and manned the speaker phones from the bridge to gun mount number two, an anti-aircraft

and surface firing gun. The gun crew succeeded in shooting down a Japanese bomber which crashed mid-ship into the Curtis.

About 30 minutes later a bomb from a high-flying flight struck the ship about 15 feet from Sanders and he was knocked down receiving shrapnel in his left arm, face and both hands, yet he joined a fire fighting party and controlled the fires from the bomb.

Bill recovered from his wounds, and Betty remained in Hawaii until mid-January, 1942, when she was shipped stateside.

The Sanders and McKenna were good friends, and I also had the honor of knowing both for many years.

When I interviewed McKenna about his adventures ten years ago, Bill Sanders was in attendance.

The Arizona was about one and one-half miles from the USS Curtis at Pearl Harbor.

McKenna recalled how he was on the quarter deck of the Arizona waiting for a tender to go ashore for a barbecue.

He said as the first wave of planes came into sight over the horizon someone spotted the insignia of the Rising Sun and yelled, "They are Japanese planes."

Things happened real fast and with the next three or four minutes, he recalled it as being a "mad house." The USS Curtis was the first American ship to be struck.

Lt. Commander Samuel Glen Fogua, who won the first medal of honor during World War II, began to sound the general quarters message, and the message was never completed.

McKenna said the Arizona was strafed and took two fish (torpedoes) in the side. Next

they took the bomb that went down the stack.

"The bomb screens were out of the stack and the bomb went down. There was nothing to stop it. It blew the magazine off the number two turret. The next thing I knew I was in the water," he recalled.

McKenna continued, "I was picked up out of the water and taken to the Tennessee, a ship I left four months before. I always wonder how I got my pants off and I lost my coat that was over my arm when I was on the Arizona and everything I owned went down with the ship."

McKenna said they sent him to sick bay on the Tennessee and he protested and was left to go on the bridge where he knew his way around and everybody.

The following morning he was transferred to the Pennsylvania and they headed for San Francisco and arrived there on December 23, 1941.

After his return to California, McKenna was assigned to the Naval Air Station in Algiers, Louisiana.

In May, 1942, he was a member of an armed crew on a tanker headed to Bay Town, Texas to pickup fuel, and in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Houma, La., the empty tanker was struck by a torpedo from a German submarine.

The tanker's crew, along with McKenna, were fished out of the Gulf by the U.S. Coast Guard and were lucky the tanker was empty.

From Algiers, McKenna took gun crews out on Merchant ships until December, 1944, where he spent the rest of the time as Master of Arms at Algiers until his retirement in November, 1946.

McKenna after his retirement from the Navy was called back into to service in the

Korean War and was asked again in 1960 to active duty to help write a manual. McKenna served over 22 years in the Navy.

The USS Curtis after the attack went to the Navy yard for repairs and received temporary repairs, then later went to the states in mid-January to pick up a load of planes and returned to Pearl Harbor.

During his recovery from wounds Sanders said he was given the job of escort, saying, "I drove the different commanding officers from one ship to another."

Sanders remained on the US, Curtis for five months after Pearl Harbor and then went to Guadalcanal to fly B-24's as crew chief on bombing and observation flights. He also saw action in Munda, the Treasure Islands and was flying from Leyte in the Philippines just prior to returning stateside after three years in the South Pacific.

When the war was over Sanders was at Corpus Christi, Texas training flight crews.

During the Korean Conflict he flew out of Okinawa to Korea on bombing runs.

During the interview McKenna and Sanders recalled the horrible sights of seeing Americans dead and dying all over Pearl Harbor, many burning to death as the oil on the water burned for over a day after the attack.

In 1957, Sanders retired with 29.5 years of service as an aviation chief machinist mate, permanent appointment. He logged a total of 11,000 official hours of flying time during his military career.

It has been a great privilege for me to have been able to have known and be told the stories of the Sanders and McKenna and to have known them for many years.

My original story and art on the Sanders was 1.5 pages and McKenna's was one page. The three are now departed, but I still have the memory of knowing and telling just a portion of their military careers and touch on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1945.

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Resident -- Letters

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hooked to the shed. The double trailer we were living in was moved.

My husband went to the main office on Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis and told them to come disconnect the system and stop billing us.

The only way they would stop the service if he signed a form stating should we ever build or move back on this property that we would pay \$2,700 to reconnect.

Well, who in their right mind is going to sign something like that when the system is already there.

So they told my husband it was just easier for us to pay the \$35 a month for it to just sit there.

My husband is disabled and I finally moved back to Hancock County. I'm the lady who had to work out of the county in order to get a job and working PRN, so my income is not much.

It sure isn't enough to pay for something I'm not using.

Well, to make a long story short, they are still billing us, and I understand our names were called in court last session where they were suing us.

Something is wrong in this county when they spend all this money for the sewage and these people make their own rules and when you approach them they have a very ugly attitude with you.

Have you ever ridden down

the road and seen one of the pop-off valves shoot all the human waste up in the air and flood the ditch with raw sewage?

Again, we have been to several of our public officials about this problem, and the response we get always is, we'll look into it for you, but it's the darnest thing, we never hear back from them.

I don't need a smart someone to respond to my letter and tell me I'm wrong, because so far I haven't heard anyone say anything positive about this sewage system.

Sandy Moran
Lakeshore

Solution? -- Letters

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We raise our children in a world of moral corruption and violence. Why should they not turn out the way that they are raised?

Putting aside cynicism, our children are the hope for their future since we seem bent on destroying our future.

I have a proposal which would serve as a reminder to each child every day to think before they act.

My proposal is to set aside two desks in each grade of every school from the fourth grade through the twelfth grade.

These desks would never be

used by anyone in the school except as a monument to past and unnamed children.

They should be in the front of the classroom to remind everyone by their stark presence. If the school has prescribed uniforms, then a uniform might be carefully folded on the seat.

One desk would be designated for "The Dead Kid," with a small plaque with some notation regarding this place being reserved for the memory of the child who is no longer with us due to family violence because of drugs and alcohol and abuse and neglect.

The other desk would be designated for "The Missing Girl," with a similar small plaque with a notation regarding the fact that this seat should have been filled by a child who should have been getting her high school diploma instead of having a baby.

Maybe if our children see these symbols of failure often enough, it will strengthen their resolve to become productive citizens of our community by going to school so that they can compete for life fulfilling jobs.

T.M. Erhardt
Bay St. Louis

Menorahs on display at library

Hanukkah, the Jewish celebration, is the topic on display at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. The display will be available to the public through the end of December.

Menorahs, the candelabrum that represents the eight days of the feast celebrating the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem after the rebellion of the Jews against the Syrians in 162 B.C., are also on display.

There are nine candle holders on a Menorah, eight representing the eight days of the celebration and the ninth, or Shamash, the candle used to light the other candles. Each night a candle is lighted and added to the others, while spe-

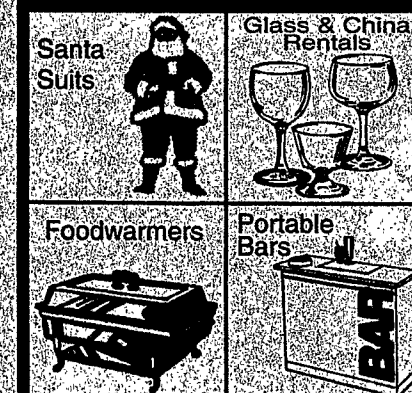
cial prayers and blessings are said.

Traditionally, there are two designs of the Menorah. One follows the pattern of the sacred candelabrum, with four branches on each side and the Shamash affixed to the front and detachable. The other consists of eight small candle holders set in a row on a common foundation and the Shamash raised.

The Menorahs on display are courtesy of Avra O'Dwyer, Betsy Pincus, Diana and Jack Gorlin and Lynda Cook.

Further information on the display is available by calling the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library at 467-5282.

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Obituaries

CLAIRE BUTLER
ROBERT JOHNSON VI
LIBBY PATRICK
LEVON NELSON
HENRY PERRE
LOUIS STARITA

CLAIRE BUTLER
Claire L. Butler, 72, of Long Beach, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001, in Biloxi.

Mrs. Butler was born in Warwick, R.I., and had lived in Long Beach for 22 years. She was a Protestant.

Survivors include her husband, Richard D. Butler Sr. of Long Beach; three daughters, Colleen Longen of Tampa, Fla., Robin Pujol of Pass Christian and Kelly Jeffers of Virginia Beach, Va.; a son, Richard D. Butler Jr. of Long Beach; a brother, Charlie W. Sandin of Warwick, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport.

ROBERT JOHNSON VI
Robert Quincy Johnson VI, 32, of Waveland, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001, in Miami, Fla.

Mr. Johnson was born in Long Beach, Calif., and was a resident of Miami for about 10 years. He was a former resident of Waveland.

Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his grandfathers, James E. Yancey Sr. and Robert Quincy Johnson.

Survivors include his mother, Ellen Yancey Rosen and stepfather, Maurice Rosen, both of Biloxi; his father, Robert Quincy Johnson II of Kenai, Alaska; stepmother, Paula Johnson of Porterville, Calif.; two brothers, William Hildebrand IV of Biloxi

and Andrew Johnson of California; two stepbrothers, Mitchell Rosen of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Matthew Rosen of Wilmington, N.C.; a sister, Heidi Klein of San Francisco; an aunt, Francine Yancey of Biloxi; and two grandmothers, Marie Frances Yancey of Biloxi and Juanita Johnson of Warsaw, Mo.

There will be a chapel service Saturday, Dec. 8 at 11 a.m. at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport where friends may call one hour before service.

LIBBY PATRICK
Libby Hemphill Patrick, 69, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2001.

A resident of Pass Christian, Mrs. Patrick was a former 21-year resident of Lake St. Louis, Mo. where she served as a Sunday School teacher at The Chapel of the Lake for 18 years. She also formerly resided in Memphis, Tenn. where she was a member of Poplar Avenue Baptist Church.

She was a graduate of Springhill High School and attended Springhill Junior College. A member of First Baptist Church in Gulfport, she had also served as pianist/organist for First Baptist Church in Pass Christian for the past five years. She was also an accomplished artist.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, John and Ruby Hemphill.

Survivors include her husband, Ellis Patrick; a son, Ellis Patrick III and grandchildren Shane and Dawn Patrick; a daughter, Lisa Patrick

Wilkinson and grandchildren Alyssa, Sarah and Johnny Wilkinson; a stepdaughter, Lynn Patrick Myers; a sister, Mary Janelle Wilson; brothers John Otis Hemphill and Gerald Ray Hemphill, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday, Dec. 7, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport, followed by services in the funeral home chapel and a short service at National Cemetery in Biloxi.

The family prefers memorials to the Biblical Outreach, Gideon International or to breast cancer research.

LEVON NELSON
Levon Alonzo Nelson, 13, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, Nov. 30, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Levon was a native of Bay St. Louis and was a student at Valena C. Jones Junior High. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his father, Darrell Robinson.

Survivors include his mother, Shantel Nelson of Waveland; guardians Joel and Patricia Wilkerson, both of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Darrell Nelson of Waveland; and grandparents, Lee Wesley Jones of Picayune, Joann William of Pass Christian, Johnny Green and Brenda Green, both of Bay St. Louis.

Services will be conducted today, Dec. 6 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis where friends may call one hour before service time. Burial will be in Waveland Cemetery.

HENRY PERRE
Henry Marion Perre, 85, of

New Orleans, died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001, in New Orleans.

Mr. Perre was born in Bay St. Louis and lived in New Orleans for many years. He worked for Jones-Laughlin Sheet Metal Co. and Metal Service Co. He retired after 35 years. Mr. Perre was an Army veteran of World War I serving in the Asiatic Pacific Theater and was a member of VFW Post 8012 and the American Legion Post 203. He was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Catherine Kraemer and his father August Perre Sr.; a sister, Rita Boudreaux and a brother, August Perre Jr.

Survivors include his long-time companion, Anna P. Haupt of New Orleans; and a sister, Anna Mae Strong of Bay St. Louis; a host of nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Services were conducted Monday at the chapel of Jacob Schoen and Son Funeral Home in New Orleans. Burial was in St. Vincent de Paul Mausoleum in New Orleans.

LOUIS STARITA
Louis L. Starita, 59, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001, in Gulfport. Services are pending at Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue in Gulfport.

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Greek Orthodox Church has fundraiser

Delicious Greek pastries, gift-boxed to give this Christmas holiday season are available from Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 255 Beauvoir Road in Biloxi on Saturday, Dec. 15, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Every holiday season for the past 30 years, delicious Greek pastries and Greek bread have been baked at Holy Trinity and made available to the people along the coast of Mississippi - and every year they sell out.

Most Greek pastries are rolled and molded with care by hand rather than by electric machines. Machines could not produce these delicate creations.

The usual assorted Greek pastries include Baklava (layers of filo, spiced nuts and honey), Kourambietes (butter cookies

with powdered sugar), Koulourakia (crisp butter twists), along with some new Greek pastries offered for the first time in the annual Christmas collection which includes delectable almond cookies (with almond paste), Kataifi (shredded filo rolled with nuts and honey) and Galatoboureko (Greek custard with farina filo and honey syrup, similar to Creme Brulee with filo).

The very popular Greek Bread, scented with anise flavoring from the Mediterranean will also be available at this annual holiday sale.

But for those who can't decide which delicacy fits their needs, the "star" of this Christmas is the Assortment Box, which includes several

pieces of the most popular Greek pastries.

For "A Touch of Greece" for Christmas, order now. The popular assorted Greek Pastry Box is \$15 and Greek Bread is \$3.50 per loaf.

The various pastries are also available by piece. Contact Vangie Roybal at 388-2208, George Yurchak at 831-5820, Photine/Demetri Vlahos at 436-4207, or Chrisanthi Beach, 466-9171.

The Greek Pastry Shoppe will be open for business Saturday, Dec. 15, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for one day only. Walk-up sales are welcome, and advance orders must be picked up at this time.

Location is the Greek Orthodox Church, 255 Beauvoir Road in Biloxi, 228-388-6138.

Sheriff seeks owner of found guns

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

The Hancock County Sheriff's office is seeking the owners of a cache of six guns found in the woods on Sunday on the west side of Ann Street off Washington Road, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

Investigator Rita Blaize-Watson, who found the guns, said the department is seeking ownership of the weapons.

"The six guns, a Browning 30.06, Ithaca Double Barreled Shotgun, Winchester .22 caliber, Marlin Bolt Action .22 caliber, Apollo .50 caliber Black Powder Rifle and Hawken .50 caliber Black Powder Rifle,

were wrapped in white garbage bag and shrink wrap and tied with black electrical tape," Blaize-Watson said.

The weapons were wrapped in bundles of two and laying on the ground in a pile when found by Blaize-Watson, who thinks they may have been stolen.

Anyone missing a gun from the above description may contact Blaize-Watson at the Sheriff's Department, 467-5101.

An arrest was made on Friday, Nov. 30, of Terri Cathy, 41; 24215 Road 357, Kiln area, when Deputy Matt Barnett responded to a domestic call, Chief Investigator Bob Lambert

reports.

In answering the call, Deputy Barnett discovered a sawed-off shotgun at the residence of Cathy, who, it was revealed after a criminal check, was a 1994 convicted felon in Humboldt, Tenn., Lambert said, adding she was charged with aggravated assault in the shooting of a police officer. Cathy was booked at the Criminal Justice Facility and posted at \$5,000 bond. Lambert said because of the sawed-off shotgun, the ATF is also involved in the investigation of which Investigator Rita Blaize-Watson is in charge.

HOLY SPIRIT REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY

Limited space is still available for the Holy Spirit Youth Retreat, January 4-6, 2002 at the Gulfshore Baptist Assembly in Pass Christian, Mississippi. Featured speakers include Bishop Sam Jacobs of Alexandria, LA; Fr. Joe Palermo, Fr. Bill Henry, Dart

and Carol Fee, Mark Griswold, Denny Charbonnet, and a team from the CCRNO Youth Ministry.

Last year over 500 young people poured in for a weekend filled with awesome praise and worship, dynamic teaching, inspiring testimony, moving Eucharistic adoration and ministry in the power of the Holy

Spirit. A Life in the Spirit Seminar will be offered for those who are new to the Charismatic Renewal. Total cost for the retreat, is \$120.00. Registration and fees are due immediately. For information, please contact the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office, (504) 828-1368, fax (504) 828-2133; www.ccrno.org.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Tourism bureau announces new officers

The Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau announces the 2001-2002 elected board officers.

Elected as president — Eleanor "Petie" Hyman. Appointed by the Mayor of Waveland, Hyman has been on the Board of Directors of the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau (HCTDB) since 1996.

A long-time resident of Waveland, Hyman and her husband are the owners of three corporations that are all directly involved in the hospitality and tourism industry.

She has been on the Waveland Election Committee for the past six years and served as chairman for the last municipal election.

Hyman has chaired two Gulf Coast Spring Pilgrimage Home Tours and is the current first vice president of the Pass Christian Garden Club and is on the board of Gather Ye Rosebuds society.

Elected as vice president — Jeana Tribble.

Appointed by the Hancock County Supervisors, Tribble has been on the board of directors of the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau (HCTDB) since 1996.

Prior to the development of the HCTDB, she served as a board member of the Hancock County Tourism and Gaming Association.

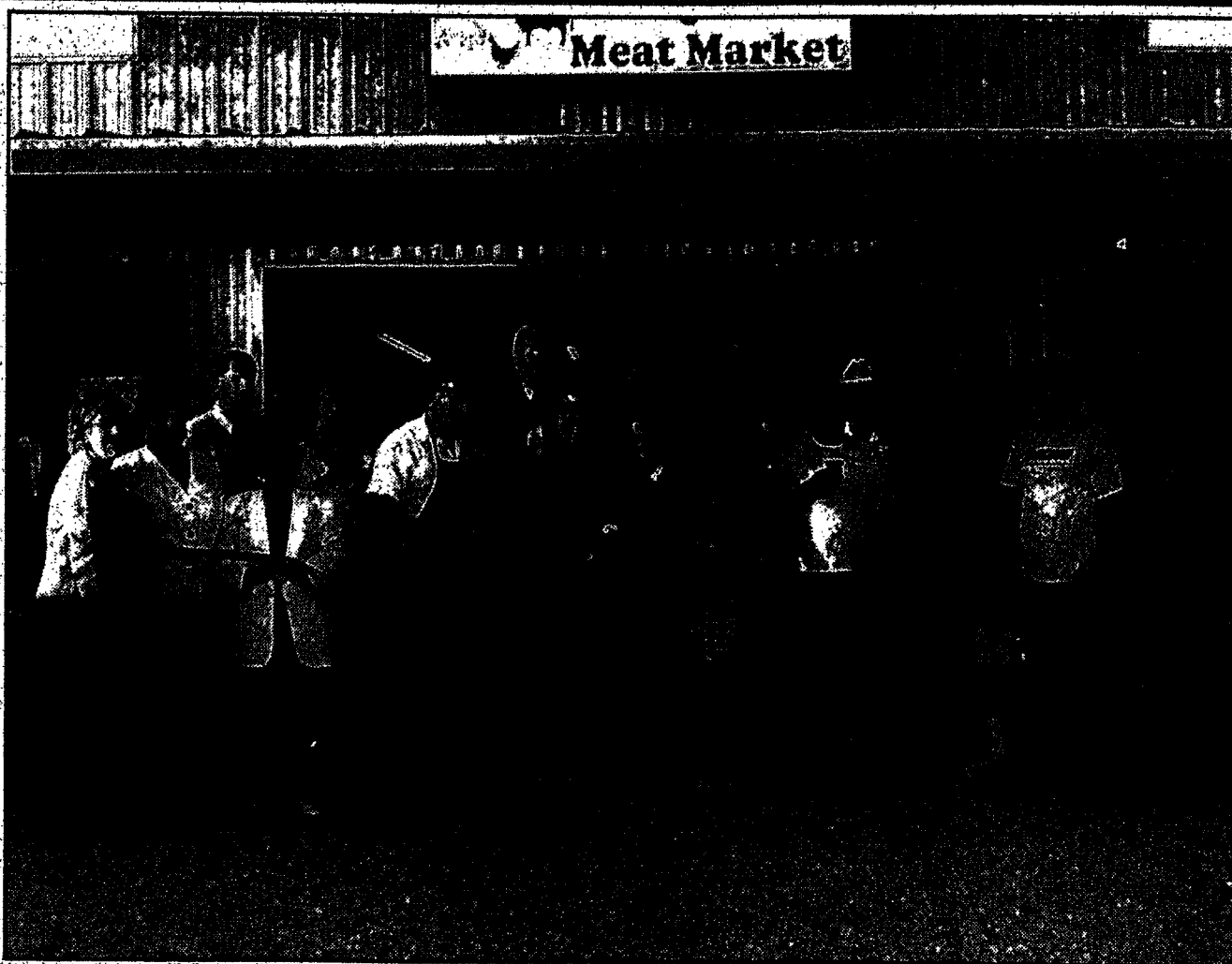
Tribble is the director of Marketing for Casino Magic Bay St. Louis. She has been a resident of Hancock County and involved in county tourism for more than nine years.

Elected as secretary-treasurer — Leo "Mickey" Jordan.

Appointed by the Hancock County Supervisors, Jordan has been on the board of directors of the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau (HCTDB) since 1996.

Jordan and his wife Becky, as well as their business, Jordan and Associates Financial Services, reside in Diamondhead.

He is a past president of Diamondhead Business & Professional Association, treasurer of the Hancock County Continued Education Board and Saint William Catholic Church and has chaired the Nike Mississippi Gulf Coast Classic.



Grand opening

Country Produce and Meat Market, 1673 Highway 603, Kiln, recently celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting celebration. In attendance were Carleen Moran, Linda Graffeo, Devon Lyons, Margaret Hadden, Mike Henley, Loretta Henley, Laura Henley, Kelly Henley, Debbie Henley, Bob Elson, Sammy Henley, Cynthia Henley and many other county officials, friends and family. The store is open everyday, 7 a.m. till 8 p.m. (Staff photo by Cecilia Howe)

Bank receives Governor's Award

Governor Ronnie Musgrove and the Mississippi Association of Partners in Education (MAPE) recently recognized Hancock Bank as one of Mississippi's top school-community partners during the 17th annual MAPE conference in Jackson.

One of only 18 companies statewide bestowed the inaugural MAPE Governor's Award, Hancock Bank received accolades for fostering educational excellence and opportunity for Mississippi students through school and community collaborations at state and local school district K-12 levels.

As a corporation, Hancock Bank regularly underwrites educational initiatives throughout the bank's Mississippi and Louisiana markets, with countless bank board members and employees directly involved in Partners in Education (PIE) volunteerism.



Governor's Award

Hancock Bank vice president and corporate trust officer Susan Tismortos (left) accepts the Mississippi Association of Partners in Education (MAPE) Governor's Award from Mississippi's chief executive officer Governor Ronnie Musgrove on behalf of the company's numerous Partners in Education (PIE) volunteers.

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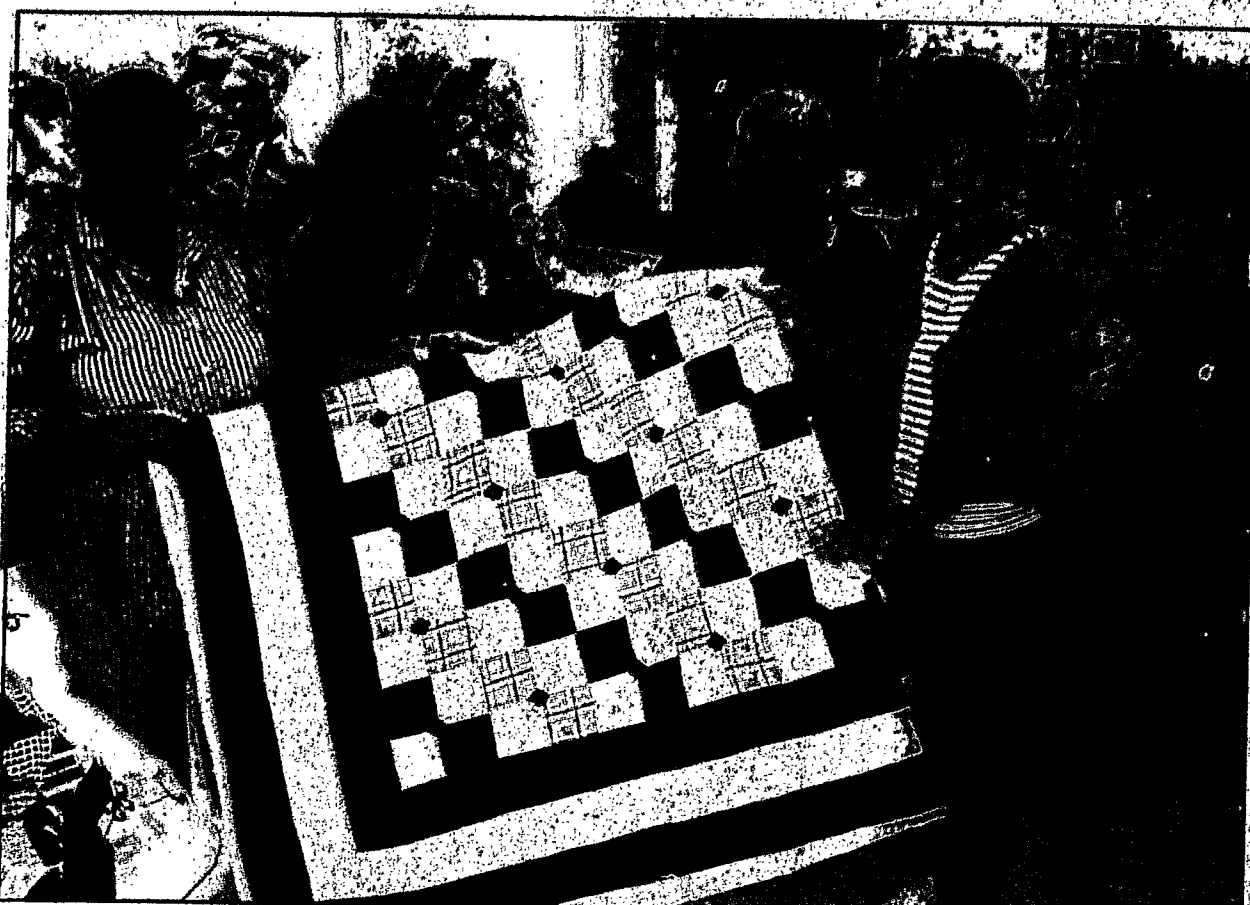
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Some of the ladies of the Hancock County Senior Citizens Center in Bay St. Louis display the bowtie quilt donated by "The Senior Angel," which will be raffled along with other items to raise money for the center. Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$1. Call 467-9292 for details. The ladies have spent the past several weeks creating their own quilts, some of which are on display in the background.

Murder -- Levon Nelson

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crime. Boudreaux was charged with murder and incarcerated at the Hancock County Justice Facility, where he remained Wednesday under a \$50,000 bond. He was scheduled to attend a preliminary hearing late yesterday in Hancock Justice Court to determine whether the case should be bound over for a grand jury. Police will not publicly speculate on the reason for the dispute that led to Friday's shooting.

Levon's death is not the first time violence has touched his family. Nearly a decade ago, his father, Darrell Robinson, was also shot to death — also on Sycamore St.

Despite unfounded rumors that have been circulating around the neighborhood, Bay St. Louis Police Chief Frank McNeil said yesterday, Robinson was not slain by Boudreaux's father.

Another man, Frank McKinley, was convicted in Robinson's murder.

McKinley, McNeil said, "He's the one that escaped from jail and made America's Most Wanted back in the '90s."

McKinley was later recaptured, and remains in prison today, McNeil said.

Area I 'B' closed to oyster harvest

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has approved the closing of Area I "B" Conditionally Approved Waters to the harvest of oysters, effective Monday, Dec. 3, because the water level at the Pearl River gauge at Pearl River, La., exceeds shellfish growing waters management plan criteria. The area will remain closed until further notice.

Area I "B" Conditionally Approved Waters includes St. Joseph's or "St. Joe" Reef.

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Beach -- War?

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sponsoring a meeting on Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. at the main Hancock County Library on Hwy. 90.

The flyer listed the two phone numbers, but not the identity of the organizers.

A call placed to one of the numbers listed, and asked the person who answered the reason for the meeting Saturday.

The person would not confirm his identity, simply saying, "We're not talking to the newspaper," and hung up.

The second listing on the flyer was for Harry E. McCall of 108 S. Beach Boulevard, one of the residents who complained in an news story recently when county supervisors announced beachfront homeowners would have to remove obstacles that infringed on the county's 60-foot roadway.

Mrs. McCall answered the phone, and said the group would rather the press not attend. "But, I guess we can't keep you out," she said.

The Hancock Library System's Board of Trustees faxed its official policy regarding meeting held in the public library.

The policy allows local, not-for-profit groups to use the meeting rooms at the main library and the branch libraries when not in use for library activities.

It adds, "All meetings are free and open to the public."

District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward did not know of the planned organizational meeting or why a new beachfront organization might be forming.

She said she planned to attend the meeting Saturday.

District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner said he had seen the flyer, but was not invited to the meeting. Ladner is battling a bout with pneumonia, and said he might not be able to attend.

Saturday.

But, he speculated the meeting's purpose was probably called by those who oppose the county's move to take back its beachfront right-of-way.

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**SOUTHERN
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BY NORMAN WINTER
MSU Horticulturist
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When you see some camellia japonicas blooming earlier, larger and more colorful than others, you may be seeing the results of a horticultural technique known as gibbing.

As camellia shows start to pop up in malls and other public places, it becomes apparent that some experts know something that the basic gardener may not.

I studied about gibberellin acid back in college. It was in the chapters on growth hormones or growth regulators that made some classes like plant physiology much more interesting. Of course most of us had no idea we would actually get to put some of the things we learned into practice.

While we learned about gibberellin acid, and how it affects plants, camellia lovers, particularly those who compete, were putting it into practice. Gibbing is the practice of applying the plant hormone gibberellin acid to increase the size of blooms. The larger the buds, the more buds that can be treated. Since gibbing is done mostly for show, gardeners like to leave about 80 percent untreated.

A close examination of your camellia will reveal that most terminal round flower buds have an adjacent smaller pointed bud that is vegetative. In other words, this bud will be producing a new set of leaves in the spring.

The camellia grower who wants to apply gibberellin acid, pinches off the vegetative bud, leaving a small cup of basal bud scales.

After removing the vegetative bud, place one drop of gibberellin acid into the cup or one in the wound if a cup did not remain. Noticeable growth activity in the flower bud will start to occur within two weeks. Then in just five to six weeks, you will have a larger, more colorful bloom.

This will mean you are getting rid of a valuable set of leaves to make food for the camellia, hence the reason camellia lovers will only gibb about 20 percent of a particular bush.

Not all varieties respond to gibbing, but most of the common Camellia japonica varieties do. It is not an exact science on when they will bloom, as temperature and humidity also affects this.

A friend in Brookhaven, Miss., who gibbs and competes

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Second Saturday Artwalk

Look for the 'Hot Spots'

The final Second Saturday Artwalk 2001 is Dec. 8.

"Old Town" shops and galleries will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Special activities will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. and will include live music, artists' receptions and refresh-

ments. Some restaurants will offer specials.

HOT SPOTS

CB's COFFEE HOUSE, 200-B.N. Beach Blvd. 228-466-6622 presents the documentary-style portraits of Oscar

Creach. The subjects are photographed in many environments and are meant to be spontaneous.

Creach will be at the coffee house from 5 to 8 p.m. "Come by, meet the artist and join us for coffee, tea and delicious homemade pastries and 'expe-

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Plymouth, New Hampshire lighthouse by artist Doris Cowan.

Loft Studios displays 'Southern Charm' Saturday, through Jan.

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Louisiana artists Milda Spindler and Doris Cowan will be the featured artists at The Loft Studios for the Second Saturday Art Walk in Bay St. Louis on Saturday, December 8. The extensive joint exhibit, entitled "Southern Charm," features Cowan's watercolors and Spindler's etchings and wood prints.

Spindler, who has loved to draw since her childhood in Lithuania, specializes in printmaking, a long and difficult process of drawing an image on a metal plate, a block of wood or a piece of linoleum and then creating a limited number of original prints.

"So much of my work is inspired by the natural world around me," Spindler declares.

I keep up a small nature preserve in Hancock County," she says with pride. "I love the local flora and fauna that grow there. These flowers are often the models for many of my etchings and prints."

Belle Rose, Louisiana native, Doris Cowan also looks to the charm of nature in the South for subjects. I have been painting southern scenery and flowers for over 20 years," Cowan exclaims, and I never tire of drawing the beauty around me." Cowan works in oils, acrylic and watercolors. Her exhibit at the Loft will feature several of her newer watercolor critters like frogs, butterflies, alligators, and crawfish, flowers like magnolias, hibiscus and lilies.

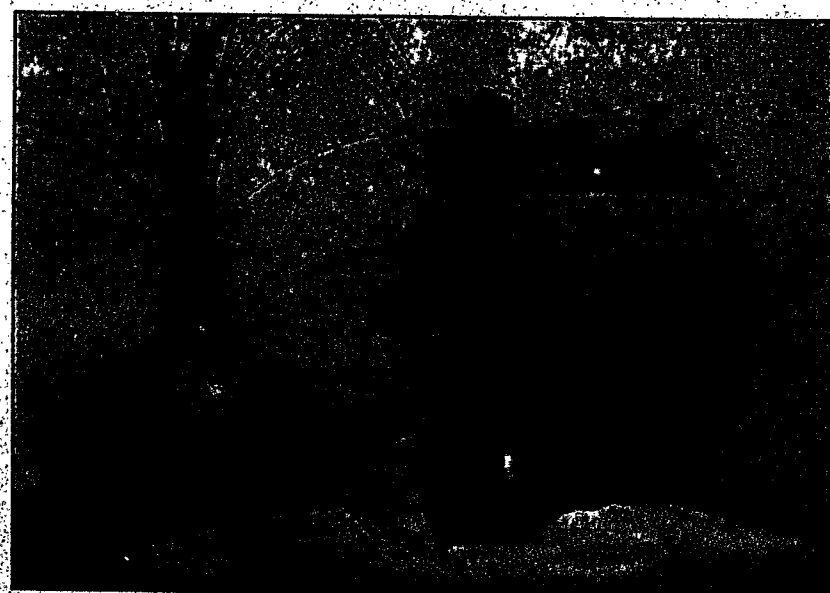
Cowan's art also is influ-

enced by her extensive travels in Europe, Mexico, Canada and all practically every state in the United States. A trip to Medjugore inspired her to create paintings of Jesus and Mary. Nova Scotia inspired lighthouses. Living in New Orleans inspired paintings of street musicians and Mardi Gras floats.

Both Cowan and Spindler work in relatively small sizes. The artists believe that the smaller sizes are more suitable for gifts or to decorate just the right spot in the home. Christmas shoppers will find art that is suitable for all ages and budgets.

The public is invited to meet the artists at a reception at

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A sample of work by potter Reagan Carney.

Carney to display work at the Quarter Moon

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Regan Carney, popular Gulf Coast potter and sculptor will be showing a new body of work at Quarter Moon Gallery beginning December 8th. The collection of new vase and bottle forms is titled "By the Vase Beguiled" - a quote by Walt Whitman that emphasizes the lyrical nature of the work.

Carney, a graduate of Newcomb Art department, is a favorite of Coast collectors. She's a pottery and sculpture instructor and a founder of the Bay Artists Co-op in Bay St. Louis. This distinctive collection is drawn from her twenty-five years of experi-

MOON-PAGE 5B



Portrait of Celestine Labat by Lori K. Gordon

Lori K. Gordon featured at Serenity Gallery Dec. 8

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Featured at Serenity Gallery for the final Second Saturday of the year on Dec. 8 in Bay St. Louis is Lori K. Gordon's "Stories," a collection of mixed media work.

This new work incorporates

a diverse selection of pieces, including paintings, furniture, decorative vessels, fabric collages and assemblages.

Articulating the theme of the show, Gordon explains

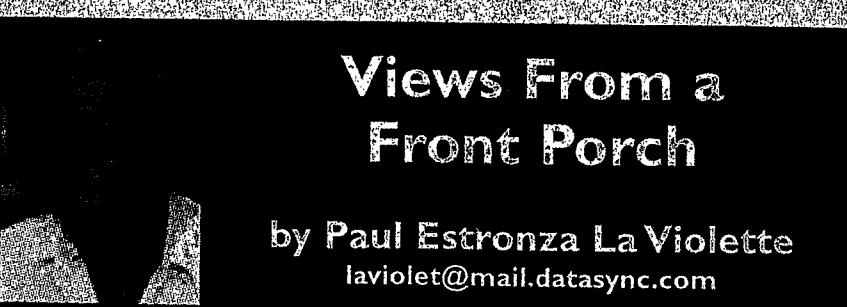
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It's hard to navigate through the 'Fishing Poles'

There is a group of pilings a few hundred yards out in the Sound in front of our house. I see people are back out there fishing from a platform they made last year by boarding several pilings together.

I imagine it's a little warm sitting exposed like that, but I guess it's no different than an open boat. By the long periods they stay out there, they seem to be both enjoying themselves and having a little luck fishing.

I have always wondered how those pilings got there. I can see them from my office window as I type this, although as a result of Hurricane Elena in 1986 they are a little the worse for wear, leaning this way and that, and missing some of the pilings.

Views From a
Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
laviolette@mail.datasync.com

Ames, a great storyteller about old times in the Bay, has told me that several sets of pilings similar to this set were put in the waters around the area when he was a tad.

He said they were used as swimming and diving platforms. This may be true in this case, the pilings are located in water just over my head at low spring tide. If they had had a platform then, it would have been ideal for kids to swim and dive from.

Prior to the pounding by

Elena, the pilings were neatly arranged in five separate rows. There were about four to five pilings in each row and each row was separated by a progressively narrowing distance.

The row farthest offshore was about 20 feet away from the second row. That second row was about 12 feet from the third, the third row about eight from the fourth, and the last spacing between the fourth and fifth was extremely narrow. How narrow was it? I'll explain in a moment.

When Gretal, my old Weimaraner, and I sailed together in my small Sunfish, we had our own private game of "threading the needles" through these piling with the Sunfish.

The idea of threading each needle was simple: go between two of the rows of pilings without touching the pilings. It was a little harder to actually do this then it sounds and that was where the skill came in.

We would go a distance upwind of the pilings, preferably at as near a right angle to the rows as the wind allowed and then, catching that wind, shoot as fast as possible at the pilings.

At the last minute of our approach to the row to be threaded, I would throw over the tiller, yell to Gretal to get to the other side of the boat, and

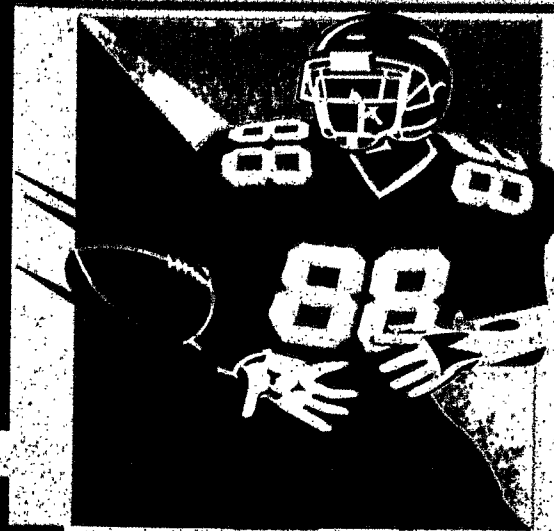
pull in the sail. Push tiller, move Gretal, pull sail. All of this took place in less time than it takes to tell. For a brief moment the mast would be jerked upright and in that brief moment we would be hurled between the rows of pilings, carried along by the sheer momentum of the Sunfish.

The difficulty lay in the fact that whereas the boat would turn immediately, it still had considerable momentum in its original shoreward direction.

If we turned too close to the pilings, this momentum would cause us to hit the pilings broadside on the downwind side. Since we would be going fairly fast, this hit could be rather hard.

Or, if in trying to compensate for this sideways drift I started

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SPORTS

Rock-a-chaws win 'Battle of the Bay' 51-48

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

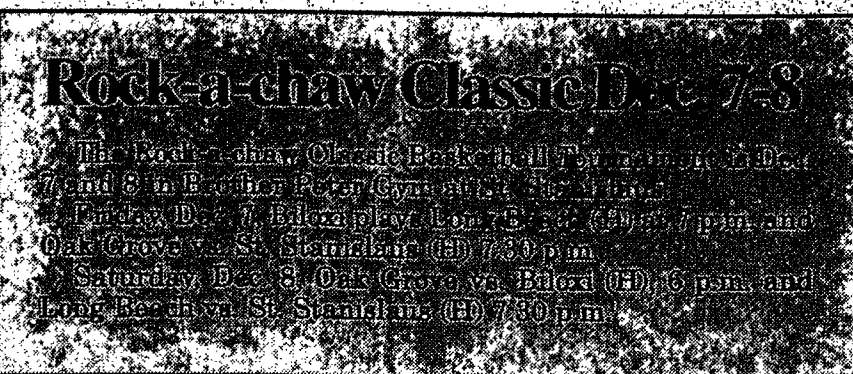
The few people that were not in the stands on Tuesday, December 4, in the Tiger Dome missed one of the best high school basketball games this county has seen in recent years. The game pitted the new and improved Bay High Tigers against the traditional St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws.

With the "biggest" crowd in years at the Tiger Dome on hand, the Rocks' roar was just a little mightier than the Tigers' growl as SSC squeezed out a 51-48 win. The win moves the Rocks to 6-3 overall and 1-1 in the division while the loss drops the Tigers to 5-3 overall and 2-3 in the division.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "Hancock County has a great tradition of high school basketball and tonight was a resurgence of that great tradition. It was a great game between the two teams. And, it is a shame that a team had to lose a game like that after the display that both teams put on. The crowd, on both sides of the gym, exuded enthusiasm for their teams in a very classy way. It was truly a spectator's game tonight."

The Tigers won the tip but lost control when Cheick Sanankoua came up with a loose ball for SSC and dunked for the game's first points. From that point on, the crowd made itself known.

SSC jumped out to a 4-1 lead before Bay High stormed back



to take the lead in the first period. The Tigers were led by Renard Elzy and Zach Nichols in the first stanza as they built an 18-12 lead over the visiting Rocks. Elzy gave the Tigers the lead with a basket and free throw with 5:31 left in the first period. It would be a lead that they held until the fourth period.

The Tigers continued their offensive surge in the second period as they took advantage of SSC fouls and poor outside shooting. SSC was able to bring SSC to within a point with 3:17 left in the first half when he drained a three-pointer to make the score 22-21. But, the Tigers padded their lead by halftime and took a 29-25 advantage into the locker room.

Bay High head coach, Danny Grieves commented, "The Rocks stepped up the pressure. We didn't execute, and they did down the stretch. Our inexperience of playing together showed tonight and SSC's pressure had everything to do with it. Also, we did not get the ball into Renard Elzy enough tonight. I believe that a team must estab-

lish itself in the paint. We want to play for that last-second shot. Tonight's game came down to that and we didn't get the job done."

The second half saw a different SSC team take the court. It was one that pressured the Tigers unlike they did in the first half. It was one that found other ways to score when the outside didn't fall. It was one that saw a victory in their grasp and found a way to win it.

Bay High senior forward Renard Elzy recalled, "It was a great game."

"The crowd was loud and really into the game. The crowd got us going tonight. We need some more practice to get together as a team. But, Coach Grieves is a great coach. We would not be in the position that we are in without him. He has us headed the right way and he will continue to stay on us to improve. We will get better."

The Rocks came out and made some defensive adjustments inside to prevent Elzy from getting the ball. The Rocks got a spark from the bench in Josh Washington and

pure hustle out of Ben Benvenuti. Washington scored nine points in the second half and hit the boards hard. According to Coach Ladner, Benvenuti played his role on the team which was to hit the boards and play tough defense.

Gabe Willis and Washington came alive in the third period for the Rocks. Willis scored seven points and Washington grabbed four boards and two points as the Rocks tied the game at 39-39 at the end of the third period.

Bay High scored five points to open the decisive fourth period and take a 44-39 lead. SSC roared back with seven straight points of their own to take a 46-44 lead that they would not relinquish.

Elzy brought the Tigers to within one at 49-48 with 17 to play. But, Gabe Willis was fouled on the inbound pass and iced two free throws with 11 for the difference and final score of 51-48.

SSC junior point guard Gabe Willis commented, "It felt good to get that first district win. We needed it because they all factor in down the stretch. It was a loud crowd tonight but we did not give up. We kept fighting and hung in there. I wanted the ball in the final seconds and I am glad that I had the opportunity to help the team to the win."

SSC coach Jay Ladner finished by saying, "Tonight's game was just a great high school basketball game. Danny

Grieves can just flat out coach. He has the Bay High Tigers well-coached and they play so very hard. Bay High could have easily won the game tonight. The Tigers will be a contender this season. For us, as a team the outside shooting was a problem for us. But, I will say that we held in there and found other ways to score when the shots didn't fall. We held our composure in a hostile environment and found a way to win the game. We gave a great team effort. This was a big win for us because you must take care of business in the district schedule. It means so much in February for the tournament."

Renard Elzy scored 18 points to lead all scorers. Zach Nichols chipped in 11 points, all in the first half, for the Tigers. Gabe Willis led the Rocks with 16 points followed by Sanankoua with 10 points. Washington

added nine points off the bench.

The junior varsity game was won by SSC by the score of 49-44. SSC took a 29-15 lead at halftime only to see the Tiger surge back in the second half and outscore the Rocks 29-20.

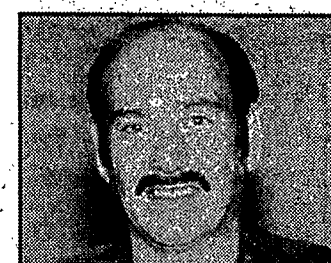
Marcus Singleton and Lorenzo Lewis led the JV Tigers with 14 and 13 points, respectively. Mario Farando led a trio of double-digit scorers for the Rocks with 16 points. Rob Murray added 12 points while Grady Wyly scored 10 points in the win.

The next game for the Bay High Tigers is Friday, December 7 at Pass Christian in a Division 8 Class 4A battle. The Rocks will be hosting the Rock-a-chaw Classic on December 7 and 8 in the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium. The classic will feature defending 5A state champion Biloxi, Oak Grove, and Long Beach.

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Hawks split on hardwood, OLA wins in soccer

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

For those that are sports fanatics, don't complain that you can't find a game to go to. All you have to do is show up at the gym or the field and a game is sure to be going on in Hancock County. All schools are immersed completely in soccer and basketball, and we have the latest results for you.

In high school basketball, the Hancock Hawks split a pair of games over the weekend. On Friday, November 30 the Hawks tallied a 54-28 win over East Central in Kiln. The Hawks put up some defensive pressure in the second period to take a 31-16 lead into intermission after leading 17-14 at the end of the first period.

The Hawks cruised to the victory in the second half as Cody Ladner scored 24 points to lead the Hawks. On Saturday, the Hawks fell victim to Slidell on

the road 77-56. The Hawks had a dismal first period scoring just two points and fell behind 36-16 at the half.

Cody Ladner scored 16 points in the loss to lead the Hawks. Matt Ladner added 14 points while Daron Boone chipped in 11 points.

The Bay High Lady Tigers were nipped by Gautier 51-48 on November 30. Sharmaine Rieux led the Tigers with 13 points.

High school soccer is also in full swing. OLA bounced back from their first defeat this year to blank Forrest County 8-0 and defeat Ocean Springs 3-1.

In the game against Forrest County, Emily Meyers and Rachel Cranford each scored two goals. Julie Reboul, Lauren Goulet, Lauren Rittiner, and Jennifer Coote each scored a goal. Ellen Ladner recorded the shutout in goal for OLA.

Cranford, Meyers, and Kara

Harshbarger all scored in the 3-1 win over the Lady Greyhounds. The Crescents now stand at 6-1-1 on the season.

Pass Christian dropped a pair of games to the Vancleave Bulldogs in high school soccer action on November 30.

The Vancleave girls blanked the Lady Pirates 5-0 while the Pass Christian boys also were shutout 6-0. The Mississippi Sea Wolves won two of three games over the past weekend to end a five-game losing streak.

On Friday, Mississippi upended Baton Rouge in Louisiana 7-2. The Sea Wolves jumped out to a 3-1 advantage in the first period and never looked back. Newly acquired Michael Ryder made his presence on the Sea Wolves known immediately scoring two goals and an assist. Ryan Lauzon scored twice while Steffon Walby and Jeff Bes each scored

once and tallied two assists.

On Saturday, December 1, the Sea Wolves fell prey to Mobile 6-3.

The Mysticks scored four unanswered third period goals to steal the win from Mississippi. Francois Fortier, Jeff Bes, and Travis Lisabeth all scored for the Sea Wolves in the loss.

However, on Sunday, December 2 the Sea Wolves avenged their loss to Mobile with a 5-4 shootout victory. Mississippi rookie forward Jerome Marois scored a hatrick goal in the shootout to cap the victory for the Sea Wolves. Jeff Bes scored two goals in the game while Steffon Walby tallied four assists in the win.

The Sea Wolves now sport a 9-11-0 record and have 18 points. Mississippi is currently in seventh place in the Southwest Division of the ECHL.

Local team participates in 'Pee Wee Pigskin Classic'

The 11-12-year-old Bay St. Louis Tigers football team had the honor of being chosen to play the opening game of the first annual coastwide tournament for pee wee football bowl of champions held at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.

The all-day event showcased teams from the whole Gulf Coast. Teams from as far away as Lucedale to Bay St. Louis and everywhere in between came to participate.

There were teams from Moss Point, Gulfport, Long Beach, Pass Christian, Ocean Springs, Gautier, St. Martin, D'Iberville, Orange Grove, Biloxi, St. James, St. John, West Gulfport, Lucedale and Bay St. Louis.

This was the first weekend of what will become an annual Gulf Coast Tournament.

Next year it might become a two-day tournament.

The Pig Skin Classic is an opportunity for teams from different cities along the Gulf Coast that each play in different leagues to compete with each other.

It is pee wee football at its best played like the pros in the big Coliseum where the Fire Dogs and Sea Wolves play, complete with all the Coliseum's special effects.

The football players and cheerleaders entered the field with all the smoke and loud music that are usually for the pro teams only.

In addition to all the football

activities each team brought their cheerleaders along and they also got to perform under the bright lights of the Coliseum during the game and at half-time.

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This year, the game is at St. Stanislaus Field in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

"We are hoping that your participation will make this event even more successful than last year," an event spokesman said last week.

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our turn too early, the mast would start to heel over as the sail caught the wind.

When this happened, the sails would rub against the sharp edges of the barnacle that encrusted the pilings. My sail had tears in it that indicated this happening more often than I wanted it to.

Altogether it was a trick that required extremely precise timing and a fairly strong wind at just the right angle. But when conditions were right, Gretal and I would start with the first row and then thread each succeeding needle. Each, that is, but the last. I will talk about that last needle in a moment.

If we did a whole "set" without touching any of the pilings, we would go back to the beach and up to the house and tell Stella and she would stop what she was doing and say "oh my" and give us homemade ice cream and a dog biscuit.

One time, Stella's cousin, Wanda, and her family came to visit from Ohio. As a good host, I took her cousin's husband out sailing with me, leaving Gretal behind.

Of course, I had to show him how to thread the needles.

Ronnie was a very pleasant person and, best of all, since he wasn't a sailor, he was easily impressed by my skill.

I, of course, took all his "wows" with poorly hidden pleasure. After all, Gretal never said anything when I did it with her and Stella's "oh my" never sounded quite as sincere as I thought it should.

"Did you ever go through that last set?" Ronnie asked, looking back at the group of piling we had just threaded. We had pulled back to make another run and were a little way from the pilings. From where we were I couldn't see how really narrow the gap in the last set was or I would not have said what I did.

"Never tried it, but I don't see why not. If you're game, let's do it!" And we shot for the pilings.

I should admit that the reason I had been doing so well up till then was not so much my skill, as that a particularly strong wind was blowing at an unusually perfect angle to the pilings.

When we headed to the piling on this run, we were moving at an extremely high rate of speed and at the ideal angle to thread.

"Now!" I shouted, pushing

the tiller out from me. Ronnie pulled in the sail and we turned perfectly and the momentum hurled us toward what I suddenly realized was an awfully narrow gap!

We hit. We hit hard. We hit very hard.

I was hurled completely out of the boat by the force of the impact, just barely missing the first piling in the row. I surfaced, gasping and saw Ronnie a little way off, also in the water and spitting out some of that water. Realizing he was all right, I turned and looked at the boat.

It was an amazing sight. It was stuck between the row of pilings, bow down, stern up, the mast quivering like a bowstring, the sail flapping against the pilings. The aft end of the hull was actually out of the water - you could almost see the centerboard.

Despite the quivering mast and flapping sail, the hull did not move, it was held hard in its vise of pilings, like a dart thrown imbedded in a target.

Ronnie looked at the boat and then at me, obviously impressed. "That was fantastic, Paul. But can't that sort of do some hurt?"

I also looked at the boat in complete astonishment, trying to figure how I was going to get it free.

"No," I said finally. "Not if you get off first like we did."

The boat had sprung its frame and was a much slower sailor afterward. Although Gretal and I continued to go out in it for many years after that, we never tried to go through that last set of piling.

I guess after all this time, the people I see out there now are using the pilings for their best use: as fishing poles. I wish them luck.

Allow me a postscript. Since I wrote this in August, an early fall storm has come and torn the platform loose from the pilings and washed it intact up in front of our house.

The fishermen had made the planks to close together and the result was a perfect surface for the rising storm water to push free from the poles.

The beach crews in their constant effort to manure our beaches hustled the wood away before the fishermen could salvage it and rebuild.

I hope they do anyway, and Stella and I will be seeing them out there next summer.

Garden

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has a schedule that was given out from a local camellia society that shows the dates of camellia shows and when to gibb to be ready for each competition.

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MDOC reorganizes, sets new region dividing lines

The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) announced the reorganization of regional assignments for the Community Services Division.

The Community Services Division is changing from four identified regions to three regions. The three regions more evenly distribute workloads, caseloads, staffing patterns and geographical boundaries.

"The reorganization of the Community Services regions will provide more equitable community corrections supervision statewide," said Interim Deputy Commissioner Lora Cole.

Hancock County is in Region III, under the guidance of Community Services Director Constance Taylor.

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TOPS 233

TOPS MS 233 met Thursday, Nov. 29, at the Waveland Public Library. Chapter members had a net loss of 13 1/4 lbs. for the week. Best loser for the week was Pat with 4 1/2 lbs. There were 13 members present. The gift was won by Charlotte. The incentive was won by June.

Dec. 2, will be open house at the Bay St. Louis Public Library, 1-4 p.m. to view all the free exhibits. A program was presented by Elaine. Topic was "Emily's Vinegar Diet".

TOPS 233 meets every Thursday at the Waveland Library. Weigh-in is 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight and maintaining that weight loss is welcome. For information, call Charlotte at 467-5790.

Moon -- Carney exhibit

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ence with clay and features both wheel-thrown and hand-built creations. The works range in size from miniature to large-scale sculptural designs, utilizing a lush variety of glazes. Two reasons inspired Carney to create this current body of work. The first is her love for flower arranging.

"Even in the past," Carney explains, "When I've been financially stressed, I still managed to buy a few stems of fresh flowers. I'd put them in one of my vases and instantly, my surroundings would seem richer, more luxurious."

"Flower arranging," she continues, "especially in Asia, has been refined into an art form. They use it to evoke tranquility and to create meditative spaces. During the years I lived in Los Angeles, I became influenced by those concepts."

"A good vase balances with the arrangement," she says. "It

shouldn't overpower the flowers, but it needs to be strong enough to hold its own with natural colors and organic materials. Ideally, a vase should work hand in hand with the arrangement."

Her second reason for being drawn to the vase form is her personal longing for simplicity and serenity in light of this year's tragic events.

"To me," Carney says, "this work is a direct response to the ugliness and fear that have dominated the world this fall. I wanted to make things that drew on the classical and had a sense of serenity. These vases are simple and elegant. They're comfort pieces, made to hold beauty over and over and over again. I found working with them to be very grounding and relaxing."

Carney used a white clay body for most vases in the show. She turns over a lovely

sage-colored vase to reveal the unglazed clay on the bottom. "This particular clay has a fine, dense body which is very similar to porcelain. It actually accentuates the clarity of the glaze colors."

"Through the years," she says, "I've developed a pallet of really luscious glazes. Many of them have a 'matte' texture. Since these aren't very reflective, they accentuate the form of the piece."

Carney rights the vase in her hand and gently sets it on a shelf in her studio. "In fact, these pieces actually feel warmer to the touch than one that has a high gloss glaze. But the glossy glazes have the advantage of creating a tremendous depth on the work. I've used both types, depending on what the form called for."

Carney gestures to an amazing array of vases lined up on the shelf. They vary wildly in

size, shape and color, but it's easy to see that they've been created by the same artist. "These are all references to a very classical form - some of them are even created with techniques that have been used for thousands of years. I've found that to be very comforting. And in this day and age, when you find something that offers comfort, you've got to go with it."

The opening reception will take place during the 2nd Saturday Artwalk in Bay St. Louis on December 8th from 5-8pm. Carney will be on hand to discuss designs, techniques and individual instruction. Live music, refreshments served. The show will continue through January 7th. Quarter Moon Gallery is located at 146 Main Street in the Bay, next to the Courthouse. For further information, contact gallery manager Pat Saik at (228) 467-7279.

Serenity -- Lori K. Gordon

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that human beings are intrinsic storytellers. She says, "We make up stories to explore, explain and express both ourselves and the universe, and we live those stories in our everyday existence."

Sometimes, she adds, "Our stories remain in the realm of make-believe, but others, as we incorporate them into our consciousness, take on the aura of truth."

She goes on to say, "Some of our stories are cross-cultural, traveling across time and space and manifesting themselves in remarkably similar ways in very different cultures. Other stories do not fare so well in the

translation, and this inability to understand each other's stories is the cause of immeasurable suffering in the world."

She adds that "all humans share one aspect of their stories however, and that is the need to express them. Language is one powerful source of communication, and the visual arts are another."

Gordon believes that some individuals stand out as master storytellers, inviting us into their worlds and helping us to see our own worlds in a different light. She has showcased several of these storytellers in her show, including a series of six portraits of Celestine Labat

of Bay St. Louis, who recently celebrated her 103rd birthday.

Lori Gordon is a 43-year-old resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. A native of the Northern Plains, she holds a bachelor's degree from Black Hills State University and a master's degree from Arizona State University. Her portfolio includes work in graphite, colored pencil, watercolor, and acrylics, as well as multimedia work. Gordon's work is strongly influenced by her appreciation of the diversity of human cultures, and her conviction of the need to celebrate the differences between ourselves and others.

Her world view is expressed in the work she has exhibited in various locations in Arizona, the Dakotas and Mississippi. She is currently represented by the Dakota Rose Art Gallery in Rapid City, S. D.; Full Circle Gallery in Sioux Falls, S. D. and Serenity Gallery.

The opening reception is from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 8 at Serenity Gallery, 126 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, and the show will run through Dec. 31.

Hot -- Action

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rience life" through Creech's photography," said Richie Zitzmann, chairman.

BAY MARDI GRAS at The Bungalow, 136 Main St., 228-466-2651 will be showing the Mardi Gras masque by artist Judith McCall Anton.

Anton says, "It all began with a piece of Mississippi River clay and the crazy idea that with a little magic I could create a masque that looked right back at you and whispered your name."

Each Anton original is cut and painted by hand. Anton will be at Bay Mardi Gras from

5 to 8 p.m.

THE PURPLE SNAPPER, 209 1/2 Main St., 228-467-7703, will feature Marci Herberger's creative and whimsical pieces are made totally from tin cans.

Her creations include hanging and table lamps, clocks, yard art, picture frames and a 25-foot string of hanging party lights.

Herberger uses a torch to cut the cans into different shapes, burns the design with a torch then paints the finished item with bright colors.

She displays her work at

numerous art festivals around the South and continually comes up with new and innovative ideas in her work - they are also environmentally friendly.

Herberger will be at the gallery from 3 to 8 p.m. demonstrating her technique.

PEOPLES BANK will sponsor the music "Driskill Mountain Band" playing in the 200 block of Main Street.

For information, call chairman Richie Zitzmann at 228-467-6870.

Loft -- Cowan/Spindler

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Loft Studios from 5pm to 8pm during the Second Saturday Artwalk December 8.

Calendar listing (run until January 2, 2002).

Art exhibition: "Southern Charm"

What: Watercolors by Doris

Cowan; Etchings and wood block prints by Milda Spindler

Opening reception: December 8, 2001, 5 to 8 p.m.

Where: Loft Studios, 144 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

Phone: 228. 467.7993

Gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Exhibition dates: December 8, 2001 to January 7, 2002.

Motorists: Keep your 'Lights On For Life'

Mississippi motorists are being encouraged by the Mississippi Division of Public Safety Planning, to drive with their vehicle headlights on throughout the day on Thurs., Dec. 13 to call attention to the drunk driving problem and to remember victims of those who

drove under the influence of alcoholic beverages. This is in observance of a national "Lights On For Life" campaign.

"Impaired driving caused by alcoholic consumption is our state's most serious roadway safety problem," said Dr. Billy White Jr., Public Safety

Planning's executive director.

"Each year, hundreds of Mississippians are killed and seriously injured in alcohol-related crashes. We hope that having motor vehicle headlights on across the state will encourage motorists to think before they drink. Very little alcoholic consumption is required to impair a person's driving ability to the point that he or she could cause a serious crash," he noted.

"The best advice is to never consume any alcoholic beverages before or during the operation of a motor vehicle."

Arts and crafts for charity

The first "Swapping & Shopping" Arts and Crafts Show, to be held at the new Moss Point Bingo Hall at 4200 Denny Street, begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8.

Exhibitors from the local area, as well as exhibitors from

out of town, will have the opportunity to show and sell their products to the public.

A minimum cost of \$25 for exhibit space can be reserved by calling Marva Tanner at 228-474-8580. The deadline to reserve exhibit space is Friday, Dec. 7.

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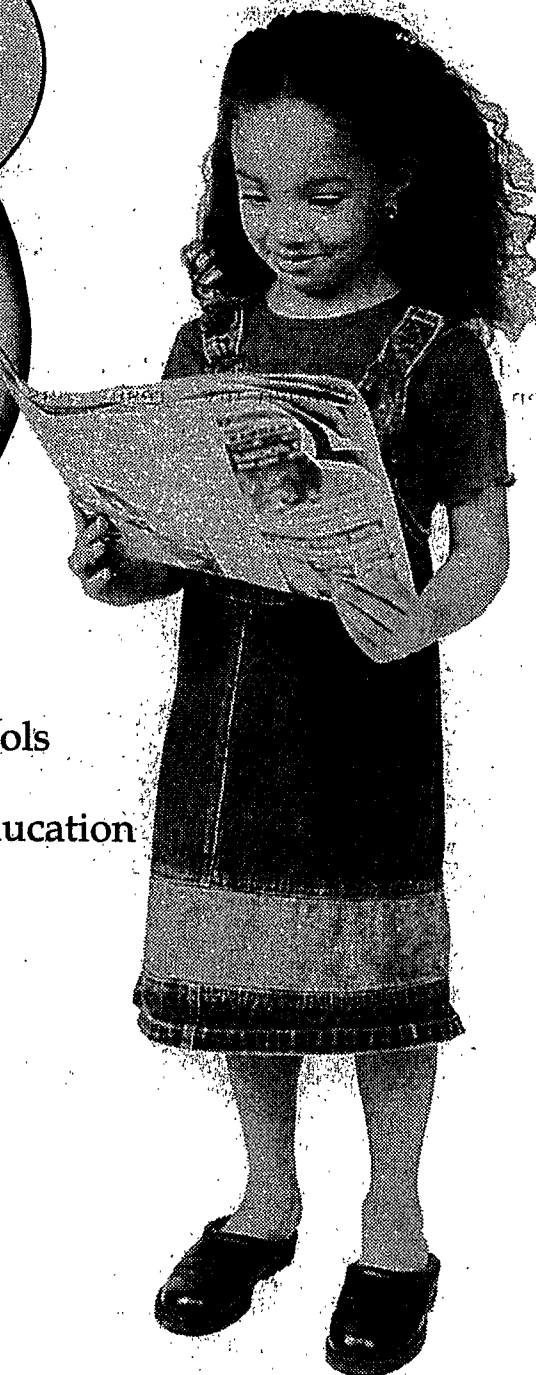
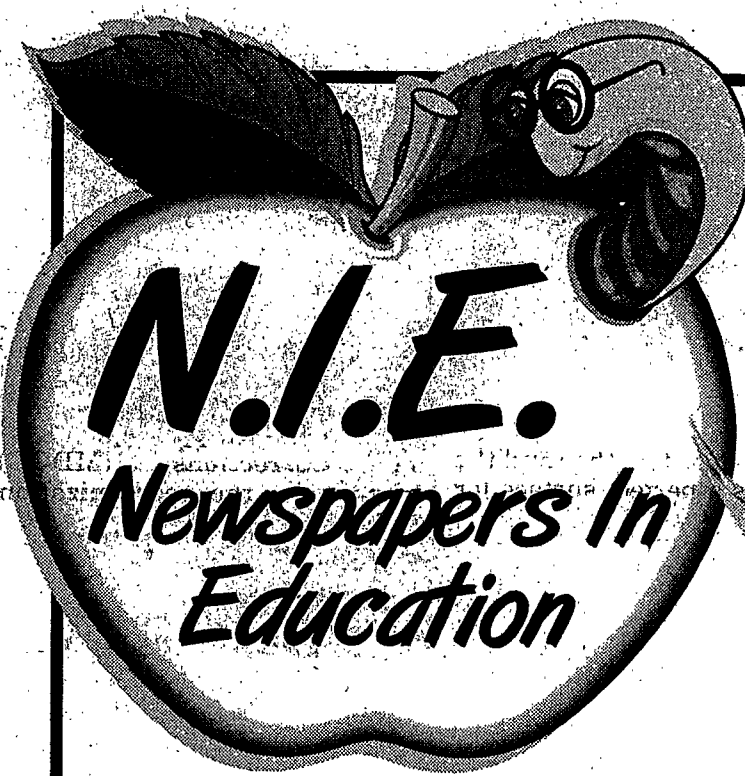
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Spirits of Christmas Past at Beauvoir

The annual Beauvoir Candlelight Christmas celebration will occur from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Dec. 14-15. Visitors will witness Christmas past as they tour the property.

The vignettes include the Antebellum period with the Brown family, the original owners of Beauvoir, and the Civil War period with scenes on the war front and at home.

The "Davis Family" will hold a traditional Victorian open house in their home. Jefferson, Varina, and Winnie will share their favorite Christmas traditions as they take you through Beauvoir House.

The Beach Garden Society will decorate Beauvoir House in true Victorian style. The Victorian tree in the back parlor will be adorned with handmade ornaments created by the Margaret Davis Hayes Chapter 520, Children of the Confederacy.

Now this year will be a scene depicting the Jefferson Davis Soldiers Home in the Confederate Museum. During the Soldiers Home period, the wives and widows of the Confederate soldiers would make ornaments for their Christmas tree. Area school children make the ornaments for the Confederate Heritage Tree.

We will decorate the tree in the lobby of the Presidential Library much as it may have been before and during the War Between the States. The

Bessie Hunt Dantzler Chapter 14 created the decorations, Children of the Confederacy," said spokesperson Robin Belesky.

Jolly Old St. Nick will be on hand to listen to the children's (and grown-ups) Christmas wishes. There will also be a special workshop in which "children of all ages" may participate in making Victorian-style crafts and ornaments.

Beauvoir Candlelight Christmas is open to the public. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with the first tour beginning at 5:45 p.m. and the last tour at 8 p.m. each night.

Admission: Adults \$ 7.50; students (ages 6 and older) \$ 4.50; seniors (age 65+), AAA & Active Military \$ 6.75; children (5 & under) free.

However, children, ages 0 to 12,

bringing an unwrapped toy for needy children will be admitted free. All toys collected will be donated to the Toys for Tots campaign.

Beauvoir, the Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library is a national historic landmark property of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. It is on U.S. Highway 90 in Biloxi.

For information, contact the tours and programs office at 228-888-9074.

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125th anniversary gala at St. Paul School for Christmas in the Pass

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St. Paul School celebrates 125 years of Catholic education at Christmas in the Pass, Friday, Dec. 7 in the evening.

St. Paul School treats the community to an array of events in celebration of its 125th year.

There will be a living Nativity performance by the St. Paul School Bell Choir, and a Christmas Bazaar especially designed for children to shop for the gifts they'll give this Christmas.

Father Dennis Carver will be spinning cotton candy for the enjoyment of the young and the young at heart.

Hospitality is provided by the faculty, staff and school board. In addition there will be a train ride, a pony ride and an opportunity for families to have Christmas card pictures taken.

Available will be jambalaya, soft drinks and funnel cakes by the Knights of Columbus and spiced tea, cookies and hot chocolate by the Junior BETA Club.

Ride in Christmas on the Water Boat Parade in Pass Christian aboard a schooner

The Maritime and Seaford Industry Museum invites

everyone to sail aboard a Biloxi Schooner for the Pass Christian Christmas on the Water Boat Parade on Friday, December 7th. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10 for children (3-12). The schooner will be docked at the westside of the Pass Christian Harbor and you can begin boarding at 6:00 p.m. to go out and participate in the boat parade at 7 p.m. You are welcome to bring food and refreshments aboard. We will provide ice chests and ice. The schooners will be completely decorated with Christmas

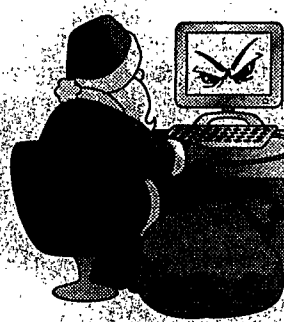
music on board.

Tickets may be purchased at the Maritime and Seaford Industry Museum, from 9-4:30 p.m. Monday - Saturday. There will be 75 seats available on a first come, first served basis.

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Entertainment

Parade to highlight WWII Pacific victory celebration

NEW ORLEANS — More than 700 World War II veterans will ride through the streets of the Central Business District along with local active and reserve units of the U.S. Armed Forces, as well as units from Merchant Marine Academy and the Philippines, in the National D-Day Museum's Pacific Victory Parade here Dec. 7.

The two-hour parade will begin at 10 a.m. at the Convention Center in New Orleans. It will proceed up Andrew Higgins Drive reaching the D-Day Museum at about 10:15 a.m., continue around Lee Circle and up Howard Avenue to Loyola, turn right on Loyola to Poydras and then to Poydras to end along Convention Center

Boulevard.

The Army Reserve, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, Merchant Marines, and Louisiana Army and Air National Guard will feature color guards, marching units, bands, vehicles, and military hardware in the parade.

The Pacific Theater veterans include Medal of Honor recipients, the pilot and navigator of the Enola Gay and several Navaho Codetalkers, Mounted Buffalo Soldiers will also participate.

World War II re-enactors will march in vintage uniforms and combat gear and drive World War II vintage military vehicles in the parade.

The veterans will be riding in

5-ton trucks, Humvees and vintage World War II military vehicles, including several from the Louisiana National Guard Museum.

Planning the parade has been a joint effort between the local military, the D-Day Museum and the City of New Orleans.

Marine Corps Major Len Dyer is the parade coordinator, assembling not only the marching units and the support effort.

The events of Sept. 11 added additional challenges with increased security concerns and the mobilization of some local units.

The Victory Parade is the first major event to celebrate the opening of the National D-

Day Museum's Pacific Theater Wing. Remembrance activities will continue through the week-end to help renew our national appreciation for the heroism and sacrifice of America's World War II veterans.

The National D-Day Museum provides an opportunity to strengthen the bond between America and its military. The museum offers a highly visible means of recognizing the sacrifices and achievements of our military veterans while also highlighting the many opportunities and challenges of service in the Armed Forces today.

Accompanying the victory parade will be an aerial review, featuring numerous modern and vintage military aircraft.

A SPIRITED LITTLE DICKENS



English actor Geoffrey Harris portrays Charles Dickens in the Argonaut Theatre Co.'s production of "The Sparkler of Albion" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at Bay St. Louis Little Theatre at 301 Boardman Avenue. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$7 for students. For reservations, call 467-2587.

One-man Dickens show scheduled for Gulf Coast

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO
Bay St. Louis Little Theatre, in Bay St. Louis, is opening its 56th season with a one-man show which it is bringing to the Gulf Coast direct from London. "An Evening with Charles Dickens, the Sparkler of Albion," is an Argonaut Theatre Co. production starring English actor Geoffrey Harris as Dickens.

The play, now in its 10th year, is London's longest-running one-man show. It was the winner of the International Monoplayers Festival in Minsk in 1993.

The play was written by Dr. David Parker and John Greco from the life, letters and works of the creator of some of the best-loved works in English literature.

As Charles John Huffam Dickens, Harris conducts audiences through his life, from his birth near Portsmouth through the troubled childhood that brought his father's imprisonment for debt and his own drudgery in a blacking warehouse to the triumphs of his career, beginning with the astonishing success of "Pickwick Papers."

Harris also plays many of the characters — men, women and

children — from a dozen or Dickens' novels, including "Great Expectations," "A Christmas Carol," "Oliver Twist," "David Copperfield," "The Old Curiosity Shop" and "A Tale of Two Cities."

Harris began his acting career as Tony in "The Boy Friend." Since then, he has appeared in numerous Shakespeare plays as well as modern plays including "How the Other Half Loves," "A Day in the Death of Joe Egg," "Look Back in Anger" and "Shadowlands." His work as Dickens has been featured on CNN and ABC News as well as BBC.

The Bay St. Louis production will be the only one on the entire Gulf Coast, from Texas to Florida.

Productions are scheduled at 8 p.m. on Dec. 7 and 8, and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 9. Adult tickets are \$12 each; student tickets are \$7.

For reservations, call (228) 467-2587.

Beau Rivage 'Holiday Celebration on Ice' kicks off today

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO
Beau Rivage's second annual holiday ice show takes center rink Dec. 5-28 when the Beau Rivage Theatre is transformed into a winter wonderland.

The show's festive sets include Santa's toy shop, a country Christmas, and a 19th century village complete with store fronts, snowmen, and a frozen pond.

Twenty skaters are set to perform in the show including a skating juggler, an acrobat on ice, and United States, Canadian and international gold medalists.

The principal pair team of Troy Goldstein and Kathryn Vaughn has seven United States gold medals combined. The wide array of hol-

iday music in the show will feature Mannheim Steamroller to Johnny Mathis to Bon Jovi.

Tickets are \$12.95 plus tax for adults and \$8.95 plus tax for children (3-12 years).

To purchase tickets, contact the Beau Rivage ticket office at (888) 566-7469. "Holiday Celebration on Ice" room packages are available.

For information or reservations, visit Beau Rivage's website at www.beaurivage.com. Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, named one of the top 100 hotels in the continental United States and Canada by Travel + Leisure Magazine, is a wholly owned subsidiary of MGM MIRAGE.

Jazz Cats to perform Friday in Hattiesburg

The Pearl River Community College Jazz Band, called the "Jazz Cats," will be performing during Friday's Night of Remembrance, a tribute to World War II veterans, especially Pearl Harbor survivors, at the Forrest County Multi Purpose Center in Hattiesburg.

World War II veterans, spouses and widows will be guests of the VFW.

Members of the PRCC Jazz band include Robert Roy of Poplarville, James Walker and Marlin McFadden of Picayune, Jonathan Hall and Jonathan Stewart of Purvis, Ryan Foulon and William Sumrall of Carriere, Teri Entekin and Daniel Williams of Lumberton, Allan Douglas of Oak Grove, Qimmah Dailey of Petal,

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